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J. GRESHAM MACHEN

POST OFFICE ADDRESS
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March 11, 1930.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor of The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

In view of your letter of March 3rd, declining to publish my communication of February 20th, I am now sending the communication, as herewith enclosed, to a considerable circle of those who I think may be interested in it.

Your reasons for declining to publish my communication, as they are set forth in your letter, seem to me to be insufficient.

With regard to your first reason, it is perhaps sufficient for me to say that I wrote to Dr. William L. McEwan, President of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Publishing Company, on January 16th, informing him that I had asked Dr. Craig to see that my name be removed from the list of members of the Editorial Advisory Board at the same time with the removal of his (Dr. Craig's) name as Editor. Dr. McEwan replied to this letter on January 22nd in a way that showed clearly that he understood that I had found it necessary to separate myself "from those who are managing 'The Presbyterian'". It was, therefore, clearly without warrant when The Presbyterian used my name in its letterhead after Dr. Craig had ceased to be Editor.

With regard to your second reason, I am obliged to hold that the appearance of my name in the letterhead of a letter soliciting continuance of subscriptions was a use of my name in "propaganda for subscriptions".

Your third reason is at best a reason for asking me to withdraw my communication - not for declining to publish it after I had expressly declined to withdraw it.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Gresham Machen

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April 10, 1930.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor of The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

A letter of April 2nd, signed by Miss A. I. McKinney for the Presbyterian Publishing Company, has been placed in my hands by the addressee, Miss Winifred M. Griffith Thomas. It contains the following paragraph:

> "We are in receipt of your letter and in reply would say that we regret that you have been misinformed regarding the use of Dr. Machen's name on the letterheads of THE PRESBYTERIAN. We wish to state that as soon as the information that he wished his name removed was received in this office not one letter was sent out on paper bearing his name. In fact, all our correspondence was held up awaiting the printing of new stationery."

This paragraph, I am constrained to think, produces the same misconception as that which was contained in your letter of March 3rd to me and was corrected in my letter of March 11th to you. As I pointed out to you in this latter letter, my letter to Dr. McEwan indicating my withdrawal from the Editorial Advisory Board was written on January 16th, and his letter to me (in which he indicated clearly that he understood me to have found it necessary to separate myself from "those who are managing 'The Presbyterian'") was written on January 22nd. My withdrawal was to take effect at the same time as Dr. Craig's. After this withdrawal of mine from the paper - a withdrawal which Dr. McEwan recognized - it was surely quite unwarranted to use my name in the letterhead. I had ceased to be connected with the paper; the letterhead stated that I was still connected with it; therefore the letterhead stated what was not true. Surely I had a right to expect that no such error would be made, even aside from any express reference to the letterhead on my part.

May I expect that now that the matter is called once more to your attention and to the attention of your staff, such statements as that which is contained on Miss McKinney's letter will be avoided in correspondence emanating from your office.

Sincerely yours,

J. Gresham Machen

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J. GRESHAM MACHEN

POST OFFICE ADDRESS
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PHILADELPHIA, PA.

April 15, 1930

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.B.,
Editor of The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have your letter of April 12th, but am obliged to say that it does not seem to me at all to meet the point of my last letter or of my objection to the whole proceeding regarding the letterhead. You are surely not intending to deny that the staff of The Presbyterian was aware of my withdrawal from the Editorial Advisory Board; for such withdrawal was recognized by the removal of my name from the list published in the paper. My point is that after that withdrawal it was quite unwarranted to include my name in the letterhead, quite aside from any specific reference to the letterhead on my part. Surely I had a right to expect that after I had withdrawn from the Editorial Advisory Board, the Presbyterian Publishing Company would not continue to state, either by means of a letterhead or in any other way, that I was still a member of that Board.

With regard to the latter part of your letter, I can only say that the editorials in The Presbyterian, since the removal of Dr. Craig, seem to me to have been, if anything, even more plainly hostile to genuine evangelicalism in the Presbyterian Church than I had anticipated that they would be. I am conscientiously opposed to such a propaganda, and feel distressed that my name should have been connected with it.

Please let me thank you for the personal reference in your letter, and let me say how sorry I am that despite our pleasant personal relations we now find ourselves on opposite sides in the great issue in the Church.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Gresham Machen

April 30, 1930.

Miss Martha S. Marsh,
422 Fountain St.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Miss Marsh:-

I thank you very much for your letter of March 14th. I am glad to hear from you. I hope that THE PRESBYTERIAN will please you.

Yours very truly,

News Voices

1792 Cole Street
Columbus, Ohio
January 21, 1930.

This has been sent to us

Editor for Intermediate
and Senior Publications,
420 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as you have invited teachers using your new Tuxis course for the Senior Department to send you their opinions, I am taking the liberty of writing to you. I appreciate the fact that much time, care, and effort has been expended in the preparation of this course and I realize that many valuable lessons are taught there in an attractive way. Please consider that what I have to say is said with the thought of helping our great Presbyterian Church and not of critizing any one who has had a part in the preparation of the course.

In the first place, is not the course a step away from the Bible? Is it not a step toward that intangible thing called social Christianity which is the bane of much teaching and preaching to-day? Moral lessons are taught, and well taught, in the public schools. Is it right that we should spend that precious twenty or thirty minutes, given to us but once a week, in dwelling upon moral and social lessons when our children are so desperately in need of the knowledge of the Bible itself? Most Sabbath School pupils and many church members are woefully ignorant of the main facts of Bible history, to say nothing of the great doctrines which lead to salvation. If our children are to learn still less of these important matters, what hope is there that they will be protected against the onslaught of Christian Science, Russellism, New Thought and the many other isms calling to the uninformed to join their ranks. The best antidote for false doctrines is a knowledge of the Bible itself. How can people recognize false doctrines when they have not been taught true doctrine? Where will they learn true doctrine if not in the Sabbath School? Few of them ever get it at home.

Perhaps you will answer that the Bible stories are presented elsewhere in the course. I have seen the Senior books only. But even if that is so, what about the many boys and girls who do not attend for the entire course? It has been said that a minister should preach every sermon as though it were the last he should ever have the opportunity of preaching. Should not a teacher present every lesson with the thought in mind that some one in that class might never sit at her feet again and that she might never again have the opportunity of leading that child toward Christ?

My second point is this. If we teach the Bible itself in such a way as to lead our pupils to Christ, the fruits of the Spirit will very naturally manifest themselves. Did you ever know a man indwelt by the Holy Spirit who mistreated employes in his factory? (I am thinking now of Lesson 15.) Perhaps there may be men with their names on a church roll who do so, but I refer only to those who have truly been born again. Did you ever know a Godfearing man who treated his sheep better than his children? Indeed, when boys and girls are sent to Sabbath School by godly parents who want their souls saved, they do not expect them to be fed on the outer husks instead of the kernels, to be taught that proper moral behavior rather than proper faith in the heart will lead them to paradise. In short, they do not want the cart put before the horse. All these present day applications can be taught as illustrations and practical applications of the Bible lessons, as they have been for years, but there is a vast difference between teaching a social lesson with a Bible verse as a supplement and teaching a Bible lesson with a practical illustration for a supplement. The girls in my class are old enough to sense this for themselves and they do sense it. One of them

said, all on her own volition, "I don't like these lessons." Another added, "These aren't Bible lessons. This is just about a factory." Poor innocent lambs! They know what they should learn on Sunday. "A little child shall lead them."

My third point is this. When we make a social or moral lesson the point of departure with a few Bible verses put in by way of illustration, these verses are so wrested from the context that they are made to apply to something entirely different from the plain meaning in the Scriptures. Referring again to lesson 15, it is made to appear that the verse in Matt. 18:6 about offending little children means that children should not be overworked on a ranch or in a factory. What a travesty on that teaching of Jesus! If the Bible passage as a whole were studied, it would readily appear that Jesus was referring to those persons who put a stumbling block in the way of a child's faith. How the Bible is devitalized by making its spiritual teachings apply only to the physical! Christ's teachings here apply to the modern college professor who ridicules the Christian faith of his students rather than to a ranch owner who bids them pick prunes. How much more important are our souls than our bodies! True, children should not be overworked, but the evil can only be corrected by putting first things first. When men's hearts are right, their actions will take care of themselves. You cannot cure a boil by putting a clean white bandage on the outside; the corrupt heart must come out first.

Lastly, I make bold to suggest other means of improving upon our Sabbath School lessons. I have been teaching girls for nearly fourteen years and realize that the Uniform Lessons are not all that they might be. But let us have <u>more Bible</u> and <u>more of Christ</u>, not less. Nothing else will save the rising generation. The Uniform Lessons have been good, considered singly, but not as a consecutive whole. What should you think of a history teacher who taught a battle in the Civil War today, a law passed during President Taft's administration to-morrow, the landing of the Pilgrims next day, and perhaps the Eighteenth amendment the next day? Would her class know history? It most emphatically would not. What we need is a series of graded lessons that will go through the Bible as a consecutive whole every three years, each time including more material and more difficult portions. One long course through the Bible would not fill the need. Too many children would not be present for the whole course; they would forget the early parts by the time they had finished; the little children need to know the principal events all the way through; and the older children need to study the whole Bible with a more mature mind. I have found it necessary to use much supplemental material with the Uniform Lessons in order that my girls should understand the Bible <u>as a whole</u> with a single purpose running all the way through. Such a course would indeed be a blessing, and the moral and social lessons would very naturally be worked in as illustrations while the children were learning the great story of salvation from God's inspired authors.

Yours in the work,

(Signed) Blanche M. Milligan.

422 Fountain Street
Grand Rapids, Mich.
March 14. 1930

W. Courtland Robinson D.D.
Philadelphia Pa.

My dear Editor - teacher - friend:-

You are to be, after reading your announcement, or I should say Editorial - Inaugural. As I read this announcement I had a feeling that I should like to tell you that I am already a subscriber, but that I have been such since the first of the paper - For the part twenty-five or more - years I have taken the Herald and Presbyter. Before that my husband and I took its predecessor. I am not certain about the name and I have no records to consult - To explain a little further, My husband (Rev. Augustus Marsh) and his brother Rev. Theodore D. Marsh, were sons of Rev. Justin March of Michigan, during most of their active ministerial life

Father Marsh had almost the entire edition of the New York Evangelist, and his sons took most of the other denominational papers. From my own household it seems to me we have always had at least one paper, with the name "Presbyterian" on the cover. The Herald & Presbyter was my last. I am still a subscriber, and I wish to offer you my heartiest good wishes and felicitations on this important position. I shall do all I can to extend the list of regular readers and if possible win new readers. I am an old woman now and cannot do the active canvassing I once could. Father Marsh had a wonderfully interesting history. He was born in the last decade (born Jan. 1. 1801) of the 18th century. He was a member of the first class to graduate from Amherst College. He studied Theology under a Congregational clergyman of the New England type. Doctor McLean. When Father was ready for ordination he felt that he wanted to enter the ministry as a Home Missionary. Dr. McLean arranged to have him sent to Keeseville N.Y. He also counseled Father Marsh to unite with a Presbytery in western New York instead of the Congregational body. The first time he was sent to Gen. Assembly

was the clebrated one where the, so called, "New School" men were excinded, in a body. I have heard him tell how they rose in a body and marched out of the church, their beloved Albert Barnes at their head.

My husband, Augustus Marsh, was a Commissioner the year when the Old and the New School Bodies were united. The Gen. Assembly was in session in Pittsburgh that year.

"But Lord thy Church is living yet
Forever more, the same."

May it live long and prosper more and more. I wish for a long and pleasant period of occupation of the chair of management of The Presbyterian.

Most sincerely your friend

Martha S. Marsh

Pardon this too long letter
My home is in Detroit. I am a member of the First Church
Dr. Vance pastor. I am visiting my sister here

April 30, 1930.

Mr. Calvin C. Miller,
1245 Straka St.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Miller:-

I made a brief comment on the Barnhouse matter. Personally, I feel the Presbytery made a great mistake. I hear that the action is liable to be rescinded at the meeting next Monday. I certainly hope so.

Yours very truly,

Pittsburgh, Pa. April 15, 1930

1245 Straka Street,

W. Courtland Robinson D. D.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr Robinson,

I have just finished reading in the Phila Record under date of April 12, that the Presbytery Of Phila has ordered cessation of evangelistic efforts of Rev Donald Grey Barnhouse In the Tower Theater Sunday evenings, cause competitive to other churches.

I can not understand why a evangelical body like the Phila Presbytery would stop evangelical preachin of the gospel of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I have been a listener of Rev Barnhouse ever since he begain broadcasting his sermons over the Columbia chain and have contributed to same, and have heard it remarked That Donald Grey Barnhouse was one of the greatest evangelical preachers of America, and am the opinion of the Record that the complaining churched did not give there hearers what Rev Barnhouse gave them.

I would appreciate you to answer the Record thru the Presbyterian which is a very welcome visitor to our home to clear up this situation and also Mr Barnhouse,

Yours faithfully,

Colin C Miller

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April 26, 1930.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Enclosed are three leaflets---"Prohibition a Success," "Liquor Traffic Always Lawless," and "Government Control?"

These leaflets bring together, for the average busy person, outstanding points presented by the Drys at the Wet and Dry Hearing before the House Judiciary Committee of Congress.

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Any publicity which you feel justified in giving them will be appreciated. Sample copies of the leaflets can be secured by writing our headquarters, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The price at which they can be secured in quantities is indicated on each of the leaflets.

Very sincerely yours,

R. H. Martin

R. H. Martin, Editor,
"The Christian Statesman"

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THE MONTCLAIR NATIONAL BANK

MONTCLAIR, N.J

HUGH R. MONRO
PRESIDENT

April 19, 1930.

Dr. W. C. Robinson,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

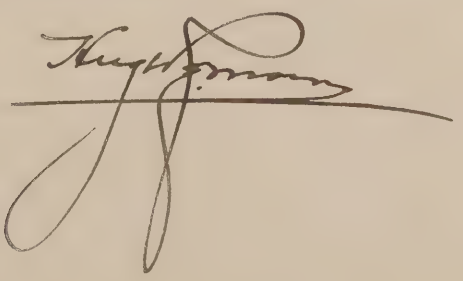
Dear Dr. Robinson:

I stopped in at the Presbyterian office just for a few minutes and had a very satisfactory talk with Mr. Sandberger regarding some changes in the makeup of the paper.

I do not think we have much to fear from the new publication, and these good brethren are entitled to an organ of their own representing their peculiar viewpoint. Our whole trouble arose from the fact that they wanted to give this distinctive character to the Presbyterian which, of course, meant a departure from all its traditions as a family religious paper.

I notice the Mellon family are providing the funds for building a magnificent church for the East Liberty congregation at Pittsburgh. I suppose this will be the finest structure in our denomination. It occurs to me it would be a good plan to secure an illustration of the exterior as early as possible and have one of our Pittsburgh friends prepare an article dealing with the history of the church and its expansion plans.

Yours sincerely,



HRM:S

April 12, 1930.

Mr. Hugh R. Monro,
National Bank,
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Mr. Monro:-

I deeply regret my absence from the office yesterday when you called. As you know, I am still pastor at Delhi and had to attend to the funeral there yesterday of a very devoted church member. It is also necessary for me to be absent from the 14th to 28th for Holy Week services and meeting of presbytery at which I will be released. I think you understood my double burden which will obtain until July first. We are printing next week a comment on your article in the Biblical Review. I am looking forward to the meeting May 5th when we will take a little review of my brief tenure and if you are so disposed will make plans for the future.

I am beginning to enjoy the work more than I did when it was so new. My skin is getting a bit thicker and I have had many fine commendations. I think some are beginning to understand that not every conservative needs constantly to swing a club. I am told that our Westminster friends are to start a new paper May first. I will regret it and it will undoubtedly make a cut on our subscription list for Machen is certainly fighting us persistently but with your backing we may carry on and I think in the long run my policy of fairness in doctrine and kindness in spirit will win a victory.

Very cordially yours,

April 12, 1930.

Rev. J. Gresham Machen, D.D.,
306 South 13th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Machen:-

Your letter has been forwarded to Dr. McEwan and I hope he will answer it. So far as I am able to learn, he held your request so that it did not reach this office as soon as it should. I am told that you telephoned Miss Wallace and Miss Wallace telephoned into the office and prompt action was then taken. I do not see how action could have been taken here until they had knowledge. If there is a fault it looks to me that Dr. McEwan must bear the burden of it though I am sure he had no intention of doing injustice.

Now Dr. Machen, it is unfortunate for conservatives that you are taking such a belligerent attitude. I cannot but believe that your vehement fighting has divided conservatives and lost us control in the Church. This will not in any wise affect you because you are clear of mind and never stop when you set out. I regret your attitude personally very much. My friendship with you in other years has been a delight to me and I long to retain it and now have no personal feeling in this matter. However, I think I am as near right as you are. I will be as conservative as anyone and I do not believe you will find THE PRESBYTERIAN slipping in that manner. I will, however, refrain from vigorous attacks upon individuals for I think much of it has been unfortunate. I have done my share of it in the past and I see the result in the present conservative lack of power in the Church.

Most sincerely yours,

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LONDONDERRY, N. H.
(Founded 1736)
ALEXANDER MARLOWE, D. D., Pastor

Tel. 131-31

March 31, 1930

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

I enclose a little Easter hymn, wondering if you care to use it for your Easter number of the PRESBYTERIAN, either in Miss Alexander's department, or wherever you please.

I wish to congratulate you with your new important office as Editor of The Presbyterian, and wish to God's abundant blessings in ~~your~~ all your efforts. The Presbyterian has been a very welcome guest with us for a number of years while Dr. Kennedy and Dr. Craig successively held its rudder, and I know it shall be no less so in the future. The trumpet which you blow, gives no uncertain sound.

With the best wishes,
Faithfully yours,

Alexander Marlowe

THE MONTCLAIR NATIONAL BANK

MONTCLAIR, N.J.

HUGH R. MONRO
PRESIDENT

March 31, 1930.

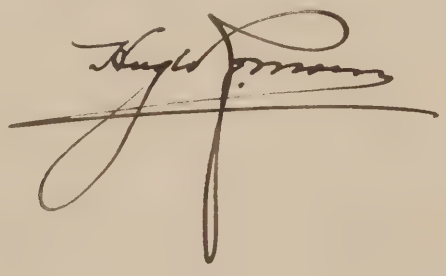
Dr. W. Courtland Robinson, Editor,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I want to congratulate you on the contents of last week's Presbyterian. I found the whole issue most interesting and the spirit admirable.

I can see evidence of continuous progress toward the desired goal.

Cordially yours,



April 5, 1930.

Rev. [illegible] Marlowe, D.D.,
Londonderry, N. H.

Dear Dr. Marlowe:-

Thank you for your letter and your poem. We will use it if possible but we have had a great many sent in and I cannot make a promise. Your good wishes I appreciate very much.

Yours very sincerely,

April 8, 1930.

Mr. [illegible] P. Monro,
[illegible],
[illegible], N. J.

Dear Mr. Monro:-

Thank you so much for your word of encouragement. I have been in Dallas for a few days and will have to be there next week again. I understand the directors meet May 5th.

Most cordially yours,

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Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,D.D.
Philadelphia, Pa,

My dear Count:- We had Rev. Williams of Binghamton preach for us yesterday morning, exchanging pulpits with Rev. Perkins and every one I have talked with was very much pleased with him personally and as a preacher so far as I know nothing has been said to him about coming to us or the amount of salary he would want if he did come, we will have our meeting again Wednesday night and talk the matter over, last week there were so few at the meeting, 3 Elders and 3 Trustees that there was little done worth writing you, the trouble is that you have set the standard so high that any ordinary preacher will not satisfy the congregation, Andrew Nicoll is on his way home and expect him next week, he says he will be at the annual meeting and we are looking for you home next week,what a home coming Kindest regards to you all,

Sincerely Yours,

Billy

3700 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA
PENNA.

March 21st.1930.

Rev W.Courtland Robinson. D.D.
"The Presbyterian."
1217. Market Street.
Philadelphia. Penna.

My dear Dr Robinson,

Many thanks for yours of March 19th which I found waiting for me on my return from Atlanta this morning.

I think if you will let me know how much material you need, —I would prefer sending it to you from time to time, as it will enable me to read it through, and make any slight correction or alteration nevessary. Each note runs to about somewhere between two hundred to three hundred words, so that if you will let me know how much you will like for an issue, I will send ~~them~~ it.

Very sincerely yours,

Campbell Morgan

WMH.

March 19, 1930.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D.D.,
3700 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Morgan:-

Many things have delayed answer to your letter. I shall be very glad to have the material on the Psalms of which you speak and we will print from time to time and perhaps every week. I do not think I will mention that they have been hitherto in print but they will do good to us nevertheless. I consider this a great concession on your part and will help me in getting THE PRESBYTERIAN established where I want it. Shall I send for the material or will it come from time to time? We can get it if you so desire.

Most cordially and gratefully yours,

3700 CHESTNUT STREET
PHILADELPHIA
PENNA.

March 8th.1930.

Rev Dr Robinson.
"The Presbyterian".
1217. Market Street.
Philadelphia. Pa.

My dear Dr Robinson,

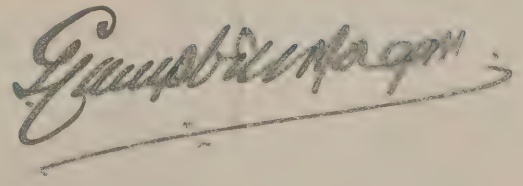
Thank you very much for yours of yesterday's date. I too was very glad to meet you on Monday last; for as I think you may have gathered, we have fallen very much in love with your son. That friendship is now enriched by the knowledge of his father.

Now as to the "Presbyterian". My time is now so fully arranged for that I cannot face anything in the nature of extra literary work along expository lines. I have some material which was written twenty years ago, and published in the "Record of Christian Work". That to which I referred in conversation was brief expository notes on the book of Psalms, one on each psalm. I don't know whether this is the kind of thing you want, or whether you would care to burden your paper for so long as the publication of one hundred and fifty such notes would entail. If however you feel that that would be suitable, I shall be very happy to arrange for you to have it. Let me know quite frankly how this appeals to you.

Thank you for having seen my friend Mr Harries. I do hope something will open up for him, because he is a singularly able man, and I am afraid is having a somewhat tragic experience out here.

With very kind regards,

Always sincerely yours,



WMH.

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REV. LEWIS S. MUDGE, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK

GENERAL OFFICE
514 WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

March 18, 1930.

Rev. William Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Editor of The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I return to you herewith Dr. McPheeters letter, also a copy of my reply sent at your request.

It was such a pleasure to welcome you in the Office of the General Assembly where you will always be a most acceptable visitor.

With warm personal regards, believe me

Yours sincerely,

L. S. Mudge

Lewis S. Mudge
Stated Clerk

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March 18, 1930.

Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D.D.,
Columbia Theological Seminary,
Decatur, Georgia.

Dear Dr. McPheeters:

Dr. William Courtland Robinson, the Editor of the Presbyterian, has referred to me a paragraph of your letter to him of March 14th, this paragraph reads as follows, and has asked me to reply:

> "Sometime back there appeared in The Presbyterian an account of the 'conversations' between your church and the Methodist and Congregational bodies. My recollection is that President Stevenson, of Princeton Seminary, had brought in a paper reporting favorably on such a union. I shall be glad to know why the negotiations seem to have been arrested."

There have not been to my knowledge and I have been Secretary of our Department of Church Co-operation and Union for nearly nine years now, any conferences whatever of even a semi-official character with the Congregationalists so far as the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America is concerned.

With reference to the Methodist Church the 1928 General Conference appointed a Committee to further organic union between the Methodist Church and our Church. This Committee met with our Department which is the officially designated body to conduct on behalf of our Church all such negotiations (said Department of Church Co-operation and Union being one of the five Departments of this Office) in Pittsburgh in January 1929. After a day's conference a general non-committal statement was issued and two Committees were appointed, one on Church Doctrine and Government, Bishop McDowell, Chairman, and one on Church Organization and Trusts, Dr. Swearingen of our Church Chairman. These Committees have never met as Committees. Each, however, in the person of its individual members has been collecting information.

A conference was held on March 6th between representatives of the Methodist Committeee on Union and our Department at which

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a general statement was tentatively agreed upon, said statement being merely a report of progress and that matter of union between our bodies was still a matter of negotiations. This statement is to be submitted to the whole of the Methodist Commission and if it is acceptable to said Commission it is likely that our Department will submit it to the next General Assembly. The statement permit me to say, does not in the slightest degree outline any plan even of a tentative character as a basis for union. It is distinctly and specifically a report of "progress". Any union between the Methodist church and our Church is a long way down the future. We are interested almost exclusively in a union of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian system.

If I can give you further information, it will be a pleasure.

Yours sincerely,

Lewis S. Mudge
Stated Clerk

Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Ga.

Old Testament Literature and Exegesis
W. M. McPheeters

March 14, 1930.

Rev. Dr. D. S. Kennedy,
c/o The Presbyterian,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Kennedy:

In view of the proposed union of the five Presbyterian bodies mentioned in the church papers, I am anxious to get a little information, and will appreciate it if you can give me the information yourself, or point me to sources where it can be had.

In Mr. Stewart's article in The Presbyterian of recent date, it seems to be intimated that no church is allowed to form the pastoral relation that does not agree to provide its share of the charge for an interest in the Annuity Fund. Can you give me the facts in regard to this, or point me to sources of information in regard to these facts?

Sometime back there appeared in The Presbyterian an account of the "conversations" between your church and the Methodist and Congregational bodies. My recollection is that President Stevenson, of Princeton Seminary, had brought in a paper reporting favorably on such a union. I shall be glad to know why the negotiations seem to have been arrested.

With very kind regards and all good wishes, I am,

Yours in the gospel,

W. M. McPheeters

WMMcP:EB

March 17, 1930.

Mr. W. I. Mason,
Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Billy:-

Word comes to me through two sources that our friend Frank Thompson has taken charge of the selection of a new pastor. I do not think he was charged with that duty. I think you should go over the matter very carefully and not let any one person run away with the whole committee. In my humble opinion you still make a great mistake if you attempt to pay more than $3,000 and a manse. Considering my own contributions to the church you have never paid that much and I am confident that it cannot be done now. It is up to you and Taylor and Burgin and Hume to keep the ship on even keel.

I spent Sunday in Elizabeth. Several of the family have colds but are around. We will arrive in Delhi April 3rd or 4th.

Most cordially yours,

EDITORIAL ROOMS

THE PRESBYTERIAN

1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

March 13, 1930.

Mr. Walter A. Munns,
45th and Osage Avenue,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Munns:-

Thank you for your good letter. I certainly want to see you and Mrs. Munns at the earliest opportunity. It is good to get back even for part time among so many good friends.

My kindest regards to your wife and yourself,

Most cordially yours,

The BATTLE CREEK SANITARIUM

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

GUEST WRITING ROOMS

March 9th, 1920

Dr. Courtland Robinson

Editor of The Presbyterian

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Today I read The Presbyterian of March 4th and felt moved to express my pleasure to you for the good beginning and the promise for the future in this old familiar friend. Besides the longer articles, I noted with pleasure the wider scope of the section devoted to brief topics and timely topics. And I hope that a department once devoted to foreign missions may be again started — the greater part of the territory occupied by our church. Having gone over 42 years ago as a foreign missionary of the Presbyterian church it has given me some concern to see

that "Foreign Missions" does not occupy much space in the Bros. Magazine now does the Foreign Board have its own magazine as it once did?

[illegible] Dr. Kennedy [illegible]
Dr. David Kennedy [illegible]
Mc Cormick Seminary

[illegible] not weary you, nor make you feel that this note of congratulation & encouragement need any reply. May God richly bless your new ministry!

Yours Sincerely

(Rev.) William Bishop Brown

THE MONTCLAIR NATIONAL BANK

MONTCLAIR, N.J.

HUGH R. MONRO
PRESIDENT

March 10, 1930.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D. D.,
Second Presbyterian Church,
Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The Stony Brook program was completed some weeks ago and is now in the printer's hands, but if any readjustments can be made I should very much like to have your cooperation.

Meantime, I would like to have a talk with you regarding certain phases of our work at Stony Brook and hope you will find it possible to come over to Montclair with your father on Friday evening.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh Monro

I wrote this man that I was busy Friday and suggested Saturday afternoon. Said nothing about you not knowing your plans. SMR

HRM:S

3/5/1930

Dear Ex Pastor.

I hear you may come back to Philadelphia — I & we sincerely hope so.

Philadelphia needs you, & if you do come back. we will have an opportunity to see you often. which will be a source of satisfaction to us. —

I wish you everything good in your new undertaking & hope that it will be congenial to you —

At Arthmenster we are still raising money which seems to be the paramount issue in our Church life.

Sincerely

Wade A Mann

THE MONTCLAIR NATIONAL BANK

MONTCLAIR, N.J.

HUGH R. MONRO
PRESIDENT

March 8, 1930.

Dr. W. Courtland Robinson, Editor,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have your letter this morning, and while the last issue of The Presbyterian has not yet reached my hand, I am sure it will bear evidence of the better spirit and sane outlook of the new editor.

I will be very glad if you can come over on Friday evening and would like to include your son in the invitation. Come about six o'clock and we will dine together and have a chance to discuss the situation without keeping you too late. It might aid our discussion if you will bring with you copies of some of the religious papers which impress you most favorably both as to their physical appearance and general contents.

I am sure you will soon have a complete grasp of the practical details and that a new era of widened influence for The Presbyterian will begin.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh R. Monro

HRM:S

EDITORIAL ROOMS

THE PRESBYTERIAN

1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

March 7, 1930.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, D.D.,
3700 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Morgan:-

It was a pleasure to have an hour with you last Monday. I have not money to offer you but I am exceedingly anxious for expository articles from your pen if it be possible for you to let us publish them in THE PRESBYTERIAN. I had hoped to remain over tonight to hear you but have been compelled to change my plan.

I saw Mr. Harris and I shall present his name to the committee at Delhi. The outlook seemed to please him. It is impossible as yet to say what they will do.

With very high regard,

Yours sincerely,

EDITORIAL ROOMS
THE PRESBYTERIAN
1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

March 7, 1930.

Mr. Hugh R. Monro,
Montclair National Bank,
Montclair, N. J.

Dear Mr. Monro:-

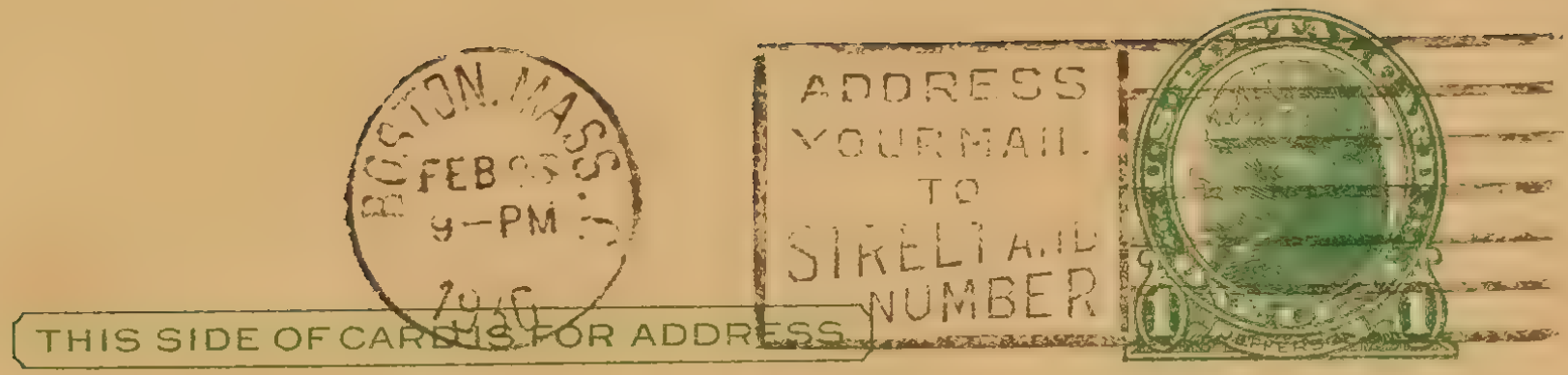
The editor you elected has started and I presume the first issue is in your hands. There is so much to learn and a feeling on the part of some that I do not feel master of the situation as yet.

I wish to accept your invitation for a good talk concerning the whole thing. If you will be at home next week (Friday) I will try to see you. Perhaps you can run down to Elizabeth or I possibly may be able to get my son to take me to Montclair.

I have had some commendatory letters this morning, though of course many are displeased with the change of editors. The Board of Directors should certainly meet during March to get a comprehensive view of the whole situation. You understand that I am new in a position which is perhaps as difficult as any in the whole Church. Therefore, I beseech your patience as I try to learn.

With very warm regard,

Yours sincerely,



1217 Market St
Philadelphia
Penna.

[illegible] I wish data
on the following topics:
What was the P. est.
church property
memorial tablets +
general location of
[illegible] graves? what
care is given fields?
Why is P. est. ch. relatively
so small in New England
and so large in Canada?
Is there anything
special to learn in the
history of the Universalist
Church of New York?
I shall appreciate
any and all you could
give on these
matters. +

Yours truly
Richard R. Morton
711 Tremont St.
Boston, Mass.

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J. GRESHAM MACHEN
POST OFFICE ADDRESS
206 SOUTH THIRTEENTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 27, 1930.

The Editor of The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

On February 20th, I sent to you a letter enclosing a communication which I requested you to publish in the next issue of The Presbyterian. For reasons which I then set forth, I also requested you to inform me as to your decision regarding publication. I have as yet had no reply, and the communication seems not to have been published. May I ask you to inform me at your very earliest convenience as to the disposition which you are making of the matter.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter just referred to and also of the enclosed communication.

Sincerely yours,

J. Gresham Machen

By WESTERN UNION Messenger

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J. GRESHAM MACHEN
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February 28, 1930.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.
Editor of The Presbyterian
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have just received your letter dated February 27th, and am somewhat doubtful how to interpret it.

If it means that you are hesitating whether to publish my communication if I continue to insist upon the publication, I have difficulty in understanding such an attitude. The use of a man's name in the prosecution of a propaganda to which he is conscientiously opposed, and of which he has already expressed his disapproval, is a very serious error; and the public correction of that error is surely demanded by the simplest considerations of justice.

If, on the other hand, your letter means that you are asking me to withdraw my communication, I am obliged to say that I cannot do so, since the matter concerns the basic convictions of my life. I am already deeply distressed by the delay, and must urgently request that the communication be published in the next issue of The Presbyterian, which appears on March 6th.

Please let me thank you for the personal aspect of your letter. On February 6th I addressed a letter to you at Delhi, N. Y., and I suppose that it has been, or will be, forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Gresham Machen

JGM:G

By Special Delivery
10:30 a.m.

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February 28,1930

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D., Editor,
The Presbyterian & Herald & Presbyter,
Philadelphia,Penna.

My dear Robinson:

I have just received a letter from the Rev. Dwight C. Hanna, D.D., with reference to the proposed merger of the Second Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church of Delhi. As he refers to you in his letter to me I am taking the liberty of sharing my reply with you.

We are welcoming you most warmly to Philadelphia. It is delightful that once again you will be near at hand.

With warm personal regards,believe me

Yours sincerely,

L. S. Mudge

Lewis S. Mudge
Stated Clerk

Enclosure

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February 28,1930

COPY

Rev. Dwight C. Hanna, D.D.,
First Presbyterian Church,
Gilbertville, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Hanna:

I have your letter undated with reference to the unfortunate situation at Delhi, New York, rising out of the fact that "both the Second Presbyterian and M. E. Churches of this village (Delhi) voted by large majority to unite permanently and become Methodist." There can be no question whatever as to property rights in a case like this. The property of the Second Presbyterian Church belongs primarily to the members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Delhi who do not wish to enter into the proposed merger. Those members of the Second Presbyterian Church who wish to enter the Methodist communion are quite at liberty so to do, but they cannot take the church property with them.

Upon this subject you will find full information in the Digest 1922 Edition, Voulme I, pp. 697-706. Also Manual of Presbyterian Law for Church Officers and Members pp. 320-321. See also what is commonly known as the Walnut Street Church Case Digest Volume II, pp. 353-370. I strongly advise the Presbytery to employ at once the best available counsel that from the very beginning of the participation of the Presbytery in the maintenance of the rights of the minority who do not wish to enter the Methodist Church and of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S.A. of which the Presbytery is the official representative steps in harmony with the Constitution of our Church and of the laws of the State of New York governing religious corporations may be taken. It will be well also in as tactful a way as possible to make it clear to the reputed majority of the members of the congregation and corporation of the Second Presbyterian Church of Delhi, that while they are quite at liberty to seek membership in the Methodist Church, they cannot take with them in whole or in part the property of the Second Presbyterian Church of Delhi.

Your letter is most interesting from another angle. Overture D now before the Presbyteries is being fiercely attacked in some quarters. The most flagrant misrepresentations are being made as to the motives of those who initiated this

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overture; also the purpose and significance of the overture are being grossly misstated. The real purpose of Overture D is two fold - first, to have actually in our Form of Government a section which would be a bulwark in the civil courts in just such cases as your Presbytery now faces. Second, in the event of a larger merger than that of two churches, namely the union of our Church body as a whole with another ecclesiastical body, to make such union impossible legally unless at the basis of the union there lay the system of doctrine contained in our Constitution and the fundamental principles of our Form of Government. Just why the brethren do not see all this is a mystery to me.

If I can be of the slightest further service please do not hesitate to command me.

With kind regards, believe me

Yours sincerely,

Lewis S. Mudge
Stated Clerk

Editor of The Presbyterian

Sir:

It has just come to my attention that my name has continued to be used in the letterhead of The Presbyterian, in the solicitation of continuance of subscriptions, after the removal of Dr. S. G. Craig from the editorship and after my accompanying withdrawal from the Editorial Advisory Board. Will you permit me to say to your readers and to all concerned that such use of my name is entirely without my consent. My former interest in The Presbyterian was due altogether to the way in which, under the editorship of Dr. Craig, it stood, courteously yet unflinchingly, for the cause of truth. Now that Dr. Craig has been removed from the editorship because of his courageous devotion to that policy, I am just as much opposed to the paper as I was formerly in sympathy with it. I regret very deeply that my name should have been used in a way that obscures my profound disagreement with the present policy of The Presbyterian and with the silencing (so far as The Presbyterian is concerned) of Dr. Craig's noble voice.

February 20, 1930. J. GRESHAM MACHEN.

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J. GRESHAM MACHEN

POST OFFICE ADDRESS
206 SOUTH THIRTEENTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

February 26, 1930.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.,
Delhi,
New York.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

In reply to your letter of February 24th, I think I ought to say several things.

In the first place, I was writing, in the letter in which I answered your first letter, in my own name and not in that of Westminster Seminary, and hence I was not at all attempting to say what "the rules of the Seminary demand".

In the second place, I did not at all mean that a Westminster Seminary man, if he became pastor of the Delhi Church, would begin with an "attack" upon its former pastor. But the issue between you and Dr. Craig is to my mind no mere personal issue but only one manifestation of the great basic issue in the Church at the present day. In that issue, any man whom I could recommend for the pastorate of a church would be obliged to take a stand, and his stand would certainly place him in disagreement with you.

In the third place, I am surprised by your plea for unity among conservatives in the Church, since it is so directly contrary to the attitude which you have taken since last spring. Obviously unity cannot be attained by asking the majority to obey the minority's behests. But that is exactly what is being done by Dr. McEwan and his group. The majority of the conservatives in the old Board of Directors of Princeton Seminary were with Dr. Craig even until the end; yet Dr. McEwan and what was at the beginning only a small group of conservatives carried the day against them by joining forces with the Liberals in the Board. There can be no unity in an army when part of the army pursues such tactics in the very face of the enemy. Of course, this argument is an <u>argumentum ad hominem</u> merely. I for my part regard these questions as questions of principle and not merely of policy. I could therefore not commend the new Modernist-indifferentist Board of Princeton Seminary to the support of evangelical people, or consent to obscure the real seriousness of conditions in the Church, even though the whole rest of the world should pursue such policy. I could not thus join in deceiving Christ's little ones for whom He died.

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In the fourth place, I am obliged to hold that even though you did not beforehand have a part in the removal of Dr. Craig from the editorship of The Presbyterian, you are now clearly a party to that act by your consenting to take his place. By acting thus, you have certainly done much to break up the conservative party in the Presbyterian Church, when, as you say, there was need that it should stand together.

In the fifth place, with regard to Westminster Seminary, I think that what will do the Seminary harm more than anything else is any obscuration of its ringingly polemic stand, by the maintenance of which alone can it continue the Princeton tradition which was so rudely broken at Princeton itself by the act of the last General Assembly.

Finally, let me thank you for what you say about your attitude of personal friendship toward me. My difference with you is a matter of principle, not of personalities. Only, you must not ask me to abate one whit either of my personal loyalty to Dr. Craig, who has, I must insist, been shamefully treated, or of my loyalty to the fearless and polemic evangelicalism that he represents. That is now, and always has been, in the whole history of the Church, the only kind of evangelicalism which is really worthy the name.

Very sincerely yours,

J. Gresham Machen

March 3, 1930.

Rev. J. Gresham Machen, D.D.,
216 S. 13th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Machen:-

I have thought long and carefully upon the communication which you have thrice insisted we should put in THE PRESBYTERIAN. I have come to the conclusion that we will omit it. First, because your name was removed from the letterhead just as soon as your desire was known. You did not ask it, I understand, directly but through another. Secondly, there was no attempt to use your name in propaganda for subscriptions. Third, I am confident that in a few months you will quite agree with the decision not to put your letter in print. Westminster Seminary needs friends and THE PRESBYTERIAN under my direction will try to promote them but a letter like yours would have an unpleasant effect upon many people who would agree with you in many things. I hope you will give me the credit of an honest and kindly purpose. I am going to convince you that your present opinion is not absolutely correct.

With kind regards,

Yours most sincerely,

EDITORIAL ROOMS
THE PRESBYTERIAN
1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

April 30, 1930.

Rev. David A. McClung,
Farmingdale,
Illinois.

Dear Mr. McClung:-

Your letter of April 18th is in my hand. Like yourself I am just an old-fashioned Presbyterian.

I have much sympathy with Westminster Seminary and I also have a great love for Princeton which has not gone so far away from the faith as some seem to think.

Yours very truly,

April 30, 1930.

Rev. Cleland B. McAfee, D.D.,LL.D.,
835 Chalmers Place,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. McAfee:-

A letter from you is always a pleasure. I am well aware that you had no intention of dictating to the Church. I was speaking of a tendency rather than a particular act. I heard men ask the question with which the editorial opened. I am very anxious as I know you are to maintain our Church in its independent spirit.

Yours very truly,

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OFFICE OF THE MODERATOR

REV. CLELAND B. MCAFEE, D.D., LL.D.
MODERATOR

835 CHALMERS PLACE
CHICAGO, ILL.

April 7, 1930;

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I had a strong feeling at the St. Paul Assembly that men came under something of a spiritual impulse and that there was a Pre-Assembly spirit of desire that we might be saved from any unworthy thing and led to some worthy decisions. I thought this probably came from much prayer beforehand, and I am writing now to ask whether in the issues, beginning about the first of May, it will not be possible for you to stress in the Presbyterian the plea for a great deal of personal and pulpit prayer for the Assembly. I would like to avoid any mechanical proposals or mass movements; but the Assembly will need prayer for wisdom in action, fellowship in differences, and balance in decisions.

I am a little anxious about the Assembly because there are no obvious issues which may sharpen our sense of obligation. Our issues are really now rather familiar and it is hard to put an edge on them. We shall need to realize that the condition of the Church is our main issue and that the service we can render is enough to engage all our strength.

You will be interested to know that in a review of the year, which is intended for publication in pamphlet form, I am making as a final appeal the plea for better support of our agencies of intelligence. There grows on me the feeling that, unless the Church stands by our papers, it is hardly fair to ask the papers to stand by the Church. I believe it would be possible for us to inaugurate a movement for a wider sense of responsibility for the intelligence of the Church and that really means for the support of our Church papers.

Yours most sincerely,

Cleland B. McAfee

Cleland B. McAfee.

The Reverend W. Courtland Robinson,D.D.,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

#815 Mt Bethune Dr. Detroit.
April 15th 1930

Rev N. Courtland Robinson DD
Editor "The Presbyterian"
Philadelphia

My dear Dr Robinson:
"Smarter in Mode: Politer in Re." I endeavor to practice this & I beg you do also.
I gave you 73 addresses for you to send sample copies of the "Presbyterian" which you did for me a week ago. The addresses were all officials of our Presbyterian (Redeemer) Church here or at least attendants of it. And all the sample copies accompanied by a little slip Commending Your paper as in my opinion "One of the best religious papers in this Country," & offering it at the Club rate, $2.00 per annum.
Not a single subscription has been sent me.
A few of these people subscribe for a little local Church paper or monthly & that is all.
The Pastor who has just resigned was not a decided Modernist preacher but was not a decided Evangelical Expositor. So we should

not wonder that but few of this people appreciate Gospel paper.
I wrote to Mr Kircher & Dr McConkey asking their Co-operation.
But I understand that neither Dr Bryant or Mr Kircher have sent you any Subscriben.
It is not for mere personal reasons that I grieve.
But because I cannot but feel that the real reason of this disregard is practical scepticism respecting the most precious & vital truths of the very Word of the living God.
Let us not let us deceive ourselves. I do not approve of Bishop Manning (of N.Y.) in general, but he expressed a mighty truth when he said—
"If our Religion is not a supernatural one it is no Religion at all."
I was ordained in the Episcopal Church at their Theological Seminary at Alexandria Virginia but withdrew because of their incipient Romanism. I have been engaged in "Secular" business for years but my heart is still in Christs spiritual work & I am busy in Sunday School & other work in the Presbyterian Church. But I want a truly Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Yours truly,

M. T. MCCORMICK
815 WEST BETHUNE AVE. DETROIT

Third Presbyterian Church,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 14, 1930.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D. D.,
"The Presbyterian",
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

I am returning to you the letter of Dr. Machen which was forwarded to me by Miss MacKinney at your request.

I regret that any failure on my part caused annoyance to Dr. Machen. I do not write officially when I receive letters concerning "The Presbyterian". I should have notified someone in the office of the request of Dr. Machen. I supposed that everyone would know of his desire to sever all relations with the paper from the fact of his protest against the action of the Board in accepting Dr. Craig's resignation. I do not think anyone will misunderstand Dr. Machen's attitude or that he has in any way been compromised. I am only sorry that another cause of annoyance has been given to him and that another occasion made in which he finds it necessary to make an additional protest. Your editorial in which you review his recent book certainly shows that neither you nor anyone connected with the management of "The Presbyterian" has any desire to injure or annoy Dr. Machen.

I do not know whether my letter to Dr. Machen was dictated or written with the pen. I can only assert that I had no intention of keeping his name where he did not wish it, nor any purpose to cause him embarrassment.

Very truly yours,

William L. McEwan

#815 West Bethune Av. Detroit.

April 24th 1930

Rev W. Courtland Robinson;
Philadelphia

My dear Mr Robinson; I am truly shocked to learn that the Presbytery of Philadelphia has forbidden Mr Barnhouse to preach in a certain district in Philadelphia unless invited by "neighboring Pastors" because they complain that their own Churches are deserted when Mr Barnhouse preaches!

Unless it is plain that Mr Bi teaching is Contrary to God's Word & will, how dare they forbid him?

Even Moses said "Forbid not," and our Lord Jesus said "Forbid not" when others preached outside of their Company.

See Numbers 11:28,29 and Luke 9:49,50.

There is a far higher authority than any Presbytery or any General Assembly on earth, and these "neighboring Pastors" seem to me to be acting like Judaizers in their Complaint.

Yours very truly

M. T. McCORMICK
815 WEST BETHUNE AVE. DETROIT

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OFFICE OF THE MODERATOR

REV. CLELAND B. MCAFEE, D.D., LL.D.
MODERATOR

835 CHALMERS PLACE
CHICAGO, ILL.

25 April, 1930.

Dear Dr. Robinson:--

I do not think it entered anybody's head around the General Council that anyone could or would try to dictate to Presbyterian ministers what or when they would preach on any subject. Surely sensible pastors know perfectly well that no one could give an "order" of any sort about such a matter. Not even a formal vote of General Assembly would accomplish that. The suggestion regarding the use of June 1st was a perfectly simple one, intended to remind the brethren of the session of the Assembly and its need for prayer and of the question of Church union or unity with the necessity for clear thinking. Many of our people do not know why this discussion of union has come up nor what position the Christian believer ought to take on it. A sermon making the prayer of our Lord clear and real to the Church will be helpful in many churches. Of course every pastor will determine on that day as on all others what he will preach in his own pulpit. This suggestion is no "program" in any sense. There is nothing in it to make anybody tired. It is perfectly simple to leave it alone and no one will be hurt. On the other hand, where it will be helpful to think of joining other equally independent churches in a common thought, this will be a good chance. I hope you will make this clear with your usual lucidity. Heartily,

Cleland B McAfee

Farmingdale, Ill.
Sangamon County.
April 15. 1930.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Editor, The Presbyterian,
No. 1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother. Your work as editor is good and becoming better. I have had any adverse criticism of Editor Craig. It pleases me to see that you recognize the work and worth of Westminster Theological Seminary. I think it fills a real need, - the need of an out and out theological Seminary standing for the historic faith of our Presbyterian Church. I wish I had a few millions of dollars to give it. I am just an old fashioned Presbyterian and a rural home missionary since May 1896. Some of the ministers of our Church delight in saying mean things about Westminster Theological

I let them pass with no reply all this I feel like citing them to acts 5 38-39. I have no complaint against Princeton Theol. Sem. Dr. C. W. Hodge, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. W. M. G. Robinson, and some others good men and true. But I think Princeton's glory has begun to decline. The Camel has his head inside the Princeton tent. In time Princeton will go the way of Union Sem. in New York City — Has already made the start. I was taught the Princeton Theology from early boyhood, the New England Primer, the Psalms in meter and the Bible. Later Fisher's Catechism and Hodge on the Confession. So in Muskingum College, Ohio, so in Xenia Theol. Sem. Ohio. So the Princeton Theology is fixed in my mind and heart. It stands all tests. It works.

By your kindness I am on your subscription list as my short salary compelled me to say "I can't pay. Cut my name off the list". I am very grateful to you. But I effect you to drop my name in any because I can't pay.

We must pay as we go and the outlook now is that Jesus has as much finished this year Apr 1. 1930 Mar. 31, 1931 — as in the year preceding.

But my name will be dropped not because I am dissatisfied with the Presbyterian for it is by far the best Japan has ever known.

The Presbyterian and Reformed faith your mind and mine is struggling for to my life today. It has lost out in Holland and England — and is losing in conservative Ireland. So many of our Presbyterian preachers were reared and grounded in the historic faith of our Church. Men come to us from all sorts of denominations especially the arminian and non-Calvinistic sorts of denominations. They are largely unbelieving too. In your country there are few Christians in the middle west they are many.

Practically we have two standards of ministerial training. Five or three standards. A. The regular Presbyterian course A/ High School, A/ College course A/ Theological Seminary. Second men come from the M.E. Church and the U.B. (United Brethren) Church and from other churches having had high school course a reading course, maybe some college training. - M.E.s, U.Bs., C.Ps., Evangelical Association (Albrights) and others.

Third, men who have had high school & some college training and then some Moody Bible School or other short cut, get a ministerial education quickly — school. Can you equal it in the east? I think hardly. Then we have these cliques, cotteries, and associations of so called fundamentalists — (pre-millennial).

A variety for certain!

But you are weary. The Presbyterian this week is your treat yet!

Sincerely David R. McClung.

Illinois Synod. Spring Bird Presbytery.

Third Presbyterian Church.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 22, 1930.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D. D.,
"The Presbyterian",
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

As Dr. Geo. Kaufmann took the place of Rev. Herman Reinecke as Assistant Clerk of the Presbytery when Mr. Reinecke left, and as Mr. Reinecke was furnishing the news letter for "The Presbyterian" from Pittsburgh, I suggested to Mr. Kaufmann that he write a weekly letter of news to "The Presbyterian" and told him that I would inform you that I had made the suggestion. You will please understand that I do not presume to engage a writer for "The Presbyterian". I believed Mr. Kaufmann would be a good correspondent. Moreover, he is a fundamentalist of the strictest type and will not color any news in the wrong way. You will consider his letters on their merit and decide whether you want him to be the Pittsburgh correspondent and make your own arrangements with him. I simply am explaining how he came to send letters to you.

With good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

William L McEwan

April 9, 1930.

Rev. George W. McPherson, D.D.,
34 St. Andrews Place,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Dr. McPherson:-

Your letter to the editor of THE PRESBYTERIAN is before me. Of course, I was very sorry to receive it. I do not know to what you refer in speaking of a "[illegible] announcement at the beginning of Dr. Craig's article in your issue of last week." Your letter was dated April 4th and last week would be March 27th. We have looked through it and do not know what you mean. Dr. Craig's letter was printed in March with a brief statement at the head, before I came into the office. I did not write it but it was written by one of the owners of the Presbyterian Publishing Company. I hold Dr. Craig in highest esteem, admire him very greatly and from letters received from him recently I am sure I have his friendship and goodwill. I am not as able now as polemic as Dr. Craig.

In our Presbyterian Church we conservatives have lost our power largely I believe because conservatives have attacked conservatives, oftentimes I think harshly and unjustly. My hope is that I may in some way restore conservative power to a degree by uniting men who believe evangelical truths into a solid body once more.

I think your path and mine have crossed hitherto. If I am not very much mistaken you were as a young man in Clinton, New York when I as a young man was pastor of the old Stone Church. If you are the same man, I recall you well. I have watched your course somewhat and have been delighted with your strong conservative position.

Speaking again of myself, I will not be as belligerent as either Dr. Kennedy or Dr. Craig, both of whom I admire greatly. There are two reasons -- one is my temperament is not belligerent and the second is I think that too great vehemence against persons has lost much for the conservatives of the presbyterian Church. I hope you will give me a little trial and test me out before you cut me off.

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Ap-11-30,

Rev. W. C. Robinson D.D.,
1317 Market St.
Phila, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I thank you for your letter of Ap. 9th. Yes, I read you quite well during the few months I supplied the Clinton church, and I am glad to know that you are the editor of The Presbyterian. I wish you great success. You may continue to send me The Presbyterian, as your letter explains the matter to which I referred, and explains it in a fair Christian spirit. I believe the paper will not be a compromise so long as you are its editor. A religious paper can succeed and ought to please

Heaven & Hell are in you! Study it well!
Our Lord commands it for the Faith's sake!
Yours always in the Lord
Yr. Bro. in Christ
T. T. Shields

P.S. If you should find yourself in sympathy with this Canada First Parliament, please send to "The Norman Way" Secretary, 1 Bloor St. E. Toronto a donation. This is my plan of campaign.

The liberals & conservatives. "The Baptist," the official organ of the Northern Bapt. Convention thought it could be done, but notwithstanding the financial backing of the Convention, this paper lost ground rapidly — dropped from 20.000 to 10.000 subscribers within three short years, and the Convention Committee abandoned the effort. A private Committee of rich men have taken it over and will conduct it along the same lines — they will try to please both parties in the denomination, but they will fail.

While, on the other hand, the Walkman-Examiner, privately owned, went its own independent way and stoutly & boldly defended the faith. The result is that it has gained steadily and has about 23.000 subscribers.

The fact is modernism is a failure all along the line. The collapse of the evolutionary hypothesis has knocked the bottom out of modernism. I predicted this modernism in my books years ago, and the thing has happened as I foretold.

As Carlyle once said: "This

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Editor - The Presbyterian
Phila., Pa.,
Dear Sir:

Will you kindly cancel my name from your subscription list, and discontinue sending me The Presbyterian.

My reason for making this request is found in your rather discourteous announcement at the beginning of Dr. Craig's article in your issue of last week.

I noticed that when you took up your service as Editor, you wrote a fine editorial regarding your attitude to Dr. Craig, and expressed the hope that he would be a frequent contributor to the paper, etc,—or words to that effect. But the abrupt way in which you announced the cancellation of Dr. Craig's discussion of the conflict with modernists so far as The Presbyterian is concerned, seems to be a reversal of your former announced attitude to Dr. Craig.

I have been an admirer of The Presbyterian for several years past,

both during D. Kennedy's and D. Craig's editorship of the paper, but I fear now that your policy has already revealed a compromise with the enemy of the faith, consequently I can no longer follow the Presbyterian to come to my study.

The writer is a Baptist clergyman but he loves all men who are loyal to God and His Word. I fear for the future success of the Presbyterian, for God will not prospect a religious paper that straddles in the time of crisis with his church.

Cordially Yours,
Geo. McPherson.

P.S. I think I paid my subscription for one year, possibly one or two months ago. If you care to reimburse me for the rest of the year, I shall appreciate it.

Editor – The Presbyterian Cottage Grove Ore. 3-31-30
1217 Market St.
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Dear Sir:– More than a month ago I wrote an article to the Presbyterian on the subject of Sabbath Desecration & Crime. I think it reach there about the time you took chare as editor Mar. 6th. If any part of it has appeared I have failed to find it. Do you intend to publish it?

Hop to hear from you explaing.

Respectfully
Rev. W. V. McGee

P.S. If you do not intend to publish it return it & I'll send you forty for stamps & material.

McGee

April 9, 1908.

Rev. W. V. McGee,
Cottage Grove,
Oregon.

Dear Mr. McGee:-

I have your article on the Sabbath Observation and Crime. We have not been able as yet to print it but I thought the time would come after the General Assembly. Before that we have more material than we can use. It is not forgotten but is on file.

Yours very truly,

March 27, 1930.

Rev. Wm. B. MacCallum,
St. Elmo Manse,
Maxville, Ont., Canada.

Dear Mr. MacCallum:-

Your letter to Mr. Harbison has been forwarded to me that I might see it. I can assure you that the change of editors is not a change of fundamental policy of this paper. Of course, each of us must express himself in his own way. I am not so vigorous as Dr. Craig but I am in thorough agreement with his fundamental position.

If possible, I will have the Auburn Affirmation sent to you. There is not a copy in this office but I think that Dr. Robert H. Nichols of Auburn will send one to you. I will write him requesting him to do so. I thank you very much for your letter.

Very cordially yours,

March 24, 1930.

Rev. James M. McKnight,
Williamsburg, Va.

Dear Mr. McKnight:-

In the change of editors many manuscripts were lost track of. I have not seen yours but if we find it we will return it to you. We have so many coming in constantly that it is easy to lose track of them.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. JAMES MILTON McKNIGHT
PRINCE GEORGE STREET
WILLIAMSBURG, VA.

March 22, 1930

Dr. W Courtland Robinson,
Editor The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dear Sir,

Will you please look over the material you have on hand for publication and see if you do not have a manuscript there of mine. I sent it int to Dr Craig back in December for publication. I enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope for the return of same. I havent heard any more from it. I would like the return of the manuscript, if it is not usable. The title of it was "Why Call Ye Me Lord, Lord".

Hoping you will locate same, I am

Sincerely,

James M. McKnight.

March 18, 1930.

Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D.D.,
Columbia Theological Seminary,
Decatur, Georgia.

Dear Dr. McPheeters:-

I took your letter to Dr. Master of the pension Board and also to Dr. Mudge, Stated Clerk. They promised to send you a reply. I knew they were more competent than I. I think you will receive an answer soon.

Very cordially yours,

March 17, 1930.

Rev. Clarence E. Macartney, D.D.,
First Presbyterian Church,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Macartney:-

I am so glad to get your letter. Also, the article "Days Off in Dixie."

Our good friends of Westminster are fighting me very hard and refuse to have anything to do with me. I asked them to send news items from the Seminary but Mr. Woolley refused very courteously but nevertheless surely. Now, I had nothing to do with the Craig matter and I have had many letters saying they had grown weary of Dr. Craig's persistence on one point. You can do a great deal to modify Machen's attitude toward me. I certainly will help Westminster in every way I can. The trouble has been hitherto that conservatives have fought each other more vehemently than they fought modernists. You alone have seen the larger fight. I am told that there is a movement to start a new paper. It will be very expensive and in my humble judgment will gain little for Westminster or the cause for which it stands. If they would only give me a chance I would aid Westminster Seminary not by clubbing Princeton but by standing for the same truths. I hope you will be kind enough to use your influence in that direction. It is a shame to divide conservatives. That has been our trouble since 1924.

Most cordially yours,

First Presbyterian Church
Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

CLARENCE EDWARD MACARTNEY
MINISTER

March 14, 1930.

Dr. W. C. Robinson,
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson;

I am sending you an article "Days off in Dixie," a little account of a recent vacation in the South. As you know, I used to do this now and then for "The Presbyterian."

I wish you every success in the important post of editor of "The Presbyterian", and pray that you will make it a great witness to Christ and the Gospel, as it has always been through its long history.

Faithfully yours,

Clarence E. Macartney

March 10, 1930.

Rev. Robert I. McBride,
Hillside, N. J.

Dear Mr. McBride:-

Thank you for writing me and for your good wishes. The task is new but I hope I can master it in some way.

Yours very sincerely,

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Yours very truly,

THE PRESBYTERIAN

March 10, 1930.

Rev. J. A. C. McCracken,
520 - 7th Avenue,
Juniata, Altoona, Pa.

Dear Dr. McCracken:-

Thank you for calling attention to the error regarding the age of the youngest moderator chosen by our Assembly. I have started it on way to be printed next week.

Yours very sincerely,

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Yours very truly,

THE PRESBYTERIAN

520 Seventh Avenue,
Juniata,Altoona, Pa.
March 7,1930.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,D.D.,
Editor of The Presbyterian,
1217 Market Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I was very much interested in reading the article on Dr. Francis L. Patton in the last issue of The Presbyterian. I would not detract one "Jot or tittle" from any honor paid to Dr. Patton. He is worthy of it all and far more. The whole church loves him.

However, in your editorial comment you make this statement,"He was chosen moderator of the General Assembly in 1878, fifty-two years ago, when only thirty-five years of age, by far the youngest to be so honored by the church".

May I call your attention to the fact that Rev.Samuel J.Niccolls,D.D., L.L.D. of St.Louis was chosen moderator of the General Assembly when he was just a little past thirty-three years of age and I believe was the youngest man ever chosen to that high office.

Pardon me for calling attention to the above fact. I do so because of special interest I had in Dr. Niccolls.

Very sincerely yours,

J. O. C. McCracken

Pastor Juniata Presbyterian Church.

HILLSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
HILLSIDE, NEW JERSEY

ROBERT I. MACBRIDE, PASTOR

March 8, 1930

My Dear Brother Robinson-

My first Church was at Cooperstown N.Y. in the Delhi-Robinson country- We remember him very closely - very pleasantly. Already we notice the great change in the tone of the dear old Presbyterian.

For the first time in my life - I am Scotch - I am removing my subs. before I receive a bill. It is like a breath of spring after a long, cold winter. I am sure that you will send cheer and joy in to all subscribers. Something of the beauty and winsomeness of the Christ shine upon its pages just now. God bless you and prosper you in your great task-

Cordially

Robert I. MacBride.

Third Presbyterian Church
Pittsburgh, Pa. March 7, 1930

My dear Court:

I am delighted with your first edition. The leading editorial is as fine as I could wish. It was a good idea to quote Dr Craig. You not only announce to your readers that you have his approval – but you make him cautious about future criticism. It was good to put the election from the by-laws in. It is advisable. The editorial on Chief Justice Hughes is the very best kind of preaching. You have a personal touch, you know the man, and you point out how his early training and Christian heritage helped to make him. The "Trust in God" article is also fine. I am really interested in many of its articles outside of its Chief editorials because they were looking in unity, in point, and in any literary merit. You will lift up the whole tone.

I expect to go to California next Tuesday. Back (D.V.) early in April. I will not write a long letter for we are both unusually busy just now. God bless and guide and keep you –

Affectionately & paternally
William L McEwan

Third Presbyterian Church.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 6, 1930.

Rev. W. C. Robinson, D. D.,
The Presbyterian,
1217 Market St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Robinson:-

I am looking forward with eagerness to your first issue of "The Presbyterian". Don't be too much disturbed by the lack of cordiality of any of the Westminster group. They are bitterly disappointed that "The Presbyterian" cannot be used to spread their propaganda and appeals. The reports in the daily papers that Dr. Craig had been ousted by the Liberals, of course, has created a mistaken view. It will take some time for you to establish confidence in the paper. I have the utmost confidence in your good sense and in your willingness to stand for what you believe to be right. I am sending you a batch of letters that were forwarded to Mr. Harbison. Quite a number of letters were sent to me and I answered them and in almost every case, I had letters of reassurance and approval. I am very thankful that you are at the helm of "The Presbyterian". The battle in the Presbyterian Church has just begun. The policy pursued by Dr. Craig could not win. With the help of the Lord we may be able to render a great service in the coming years. I believe you are the best man of all my friends to take charge of this work and I believe you have had no more opportunity for doing great service than this.

I quite agree with you that very much will depend upon the action of the Board of Trustees of Princeton at its next meeting. If we make a mess there it will be harder to maintain our position. Because I was the Chairman of the temporary Board of Directors, I am disqualified from insisting that a minister ought to be at the head of this old Seminary. You need not trouble yourself about the audit. It is always a discouraging affair. On the other hand, I think we are in a position to secure a larger support. At any rate, we have been able to live under trying circumstances and there is no greater difficulty in the way than we have already met. I leave for California on Tuesday night next and expect to be back home early in April.

With my good wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

William L. McEwan

Third Presbyterian Church.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

March 1, 1930

My dear Robinson:

I am sorry you find yourself in the midst of controversy and contention at the beginning of your work as Editor. I had no idea that there would be such bitterness at the resignation of Dr Craig. When he sat with us, there was no intimation that there would be. When he left us and conferred with Dr Machen, he took a different attitude. Mr. Harbison's correspondence with him states his surprise at this. They are doing everything they can to break down the Presbyterian as they are to discredit Princeton Seminary. With your fair and just and generous spirit, I do not think you can keep the friendship of the Ex-Princeton portion of the new Seminary. You will certainly have to prove your orthodoxy to them. They have denied mine, and in the newspaper reports the headings were that the liberals had ousted Dr Craig. One Pittsburgh paper announced that the Trustees of the Presbyterian had split on the Bible; that Dr Craig had resigned because he believed in the inspiration of the Bible, etc. I do not think you will receive fair treatment from the extreme Left Wing of the Conservatives; but I believe there will be a great approval of your fine position by the majority of the other conservatives. It makes me sad to have such men as Machen & Craig - whom I really admire and truly love, think I have gone into the liberal camp. Of course they believe it, and I expect you to be counted by them as being "inclusive". You and I, I believe, & Laird are unswervingly conservative; but I think the extreme

intolerance of the Westminster group cannot have the influence they wish by their methods. They can protest: but the Assembly & the great body of the ministry, are not influenced by them. Don't be disturbed. Write your own, honest, strong convictions for the guidance of the Church in these troublous times. We are going through a terrible time of drifting. The tides in immorality & social & political & business life are strong, and the Church is affected inevitably by them. There is no use tearing one's hair and crying abusive accusations. Keep preaching the truth: hold fast to the essentials: Keep a Christian heart and temper; and you will have a stronger influence. I believe God's providence has brought you to this place for such a time as this. You know my confidence and prayers and any service I can give. God bless you.

Your friend
William L. McEwan

First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Malcolm D. McNeal, Pastor
MITCHELL, :-: INDIANA

Feb. 18, 1930

Presbyterian Publishing Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brethren, —

I was much interested in an editorial in the Advance, congratulating you and Dr. Robinson on his appointment as editor. I am naturally conservative and was raised on the Herald & Presbyter, and loved Drs. Monfort and Whallon. However I could not enjoy the paper under its recent editorial policy.

I am glad to see the change announced. Instead of sending for sample copies, I am enclosing one dollar. Send me the paper for the period that pays for, and if I enjoy it as I anticipate, I shall re-subscribe for longer period.

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
Malcolm McNeal.

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